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## WITH FLEET GONE, RUSSIAN PEOPLE CALL ON CZAR TO BRING WAR TO END

St. Petersburg Abandons All Hope of Mastery On Sea.

EMPEROR WEPT WHEN HE HEARD OF DEFEAT

Disaster Terrible Blow to Government, Which Fears Effect on Country.

CRY FOR PEACE AT ANY COST COMES FROM PEOPLE

Czar Will Rely Upon Delcasse, Who May Call on President Roosevelt—War Party Wants to Press Fight Farther—Wives and Families Besieging Admiralty.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 30.—1:55 A. M.—After waiting vainly all day and evening for direct news from the scattered remnants of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's destroyed and beaten fleet, the Russian Admiralty at midnight no longer attempted to hold out against overwhelming evidence pouring in from all directions that the fleet on which all their hopes were centered had suffered a greater disaster than did the combined French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar.

More bitter even than defeat is the Japanese claim of the virtual annihilation of the Russian fleet with practically no loss on their side, and many officers cling doggedly to the belief that Admiral Togo must have suffered heavily. With every ship of Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff's reinforcing division either sent to the bottom or forced to strike its flag, and only a few Rojestvensky's original sixteen fighting ships absent from the list of the vessels sunk or captured, and with the Japanese pursuit still continuing, no naval authority has the temerity to dream that Russia can attempt to win the mastery of the sea from Japan in the present war.

The captured warships alone will furnish Japan with ready-made reinforcements, which will be more than a match for the fourth Pacific squadron, now about to sail from Cronstadt.

Emperor Wept.

The Emperor was completely prostrated by the news, and, according to reports, he broke down and wept.

The effect of the disaster will be a terrible blow to the government. The utility of trying to stagger on on land is everywhere recognized, and the cry for peace at any price is sure to be raised. This time it is believed the government cannot resist such a cry. Indeed, the Radical Liberals are openly rejoicing in this hour of their country's humiliation. They expect that the disaster means peace and a constitution, and that the deaths of thousands of their fellow countrymen and the loss of over a hundred millions of dollars' worth of warships is not too big a price to pay.

The friends of peace in the government are already reproaching the war party with forcing the issue between Togo and Rojestvensky. When the fleet appeared in the Straits of Malacca, they tried vainly to persuade the Emperor that the time was opportune for the opening of peace negotiations, but the war party convinced His Majesty, and Rojestvensky, for the honor of the navy, insisted that the fleet should be given a chance to retrieve the disasters suffered on land.

Diplomats entertain no doubt that the belligerent faction will continue to urge that the war will be fought to the bitter end, but the friends of peace abroad, and especially France, are now bringing overwhelming arguments to bear in favor of peace.

The Associated Press has excellent reason to believe that the Russian government in this crisis will turn to M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, in whose ability and in whose loyalty as Russia's friend the Emperor and his ministers have implicit confidence. Some time ago, it appeared likely that President Roosevelt would play a big role in the peace negotiations, but now his share is apt to be determined by M. Delcasse's decision. The latter may, of course, consider it wise to place the negotiations in President Roosevelt's hands.

The war party, however, will insist now, as they did after the battle of Mukden, that peace is impossible on the heels of defeat. The members of this faction are already protesting that the naval disaster in nowise alters the situation on land, Lieutenant-General Linovitch having prepared his plans as if the fleet did not exist.

Fear Effect on Country.

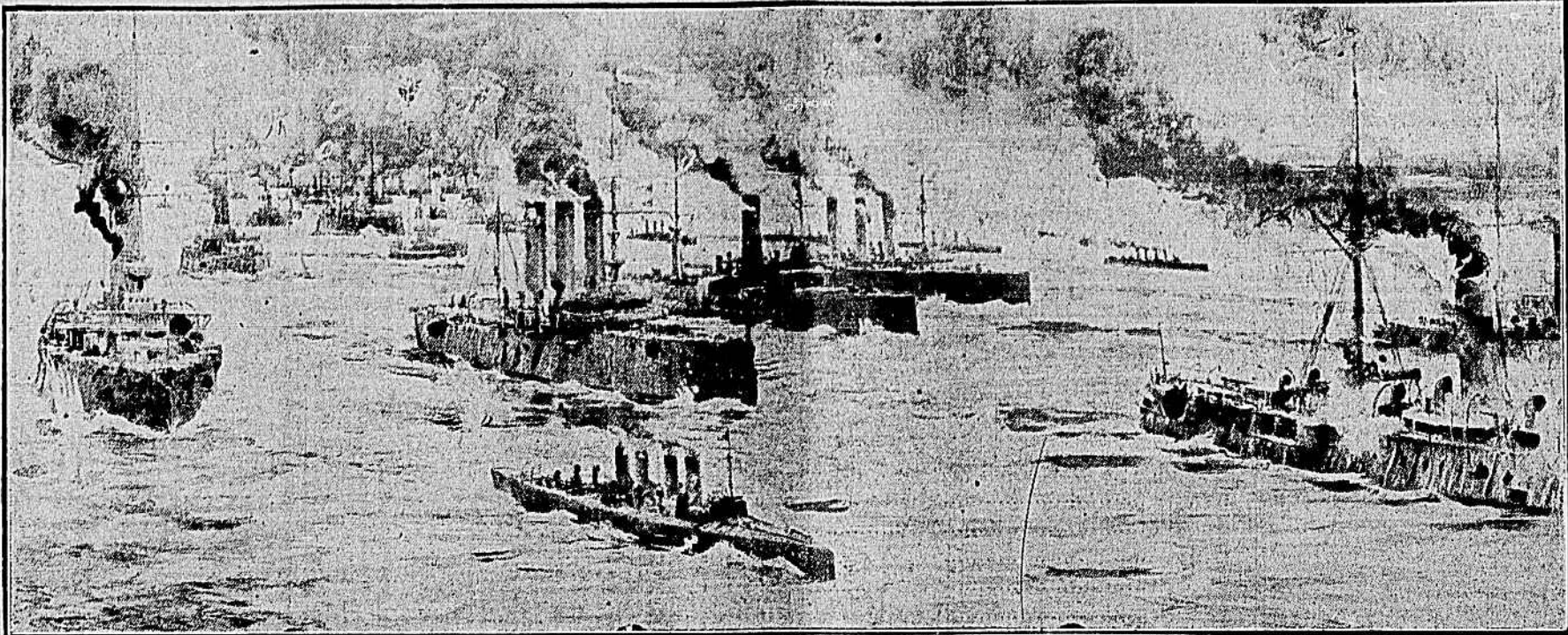
that it is improper to accept the Japanese that it is improper to accept the Japanese reports in the absence of official news, and has forbidden the publication of foreign dispatches giving details of the defeat. Nevertheless, news of the magnitude of the disaster spread like wildfire throughout the city, and the main facts were embellished with picturesque detail, notwithstanding the official declaration.

The Admiralty is without reports of the defeat. Private advices are said to have reached the city from Vladivostok, according to which Rojestvensky is alive, but that he had a narrow escape. He is said to have transferred his flag from the Kinkuz Souvaroff to one of the battle ships subsequently sunk, and that he

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SCENE SHOWING FLEETS IN ACTION IN THE FAR EAST.

### LANIER MAKES VIGOROUS REPLY

Answers Judge Crump's Statement With Allegations of Serious Nature.

#### DOES NOT SPARE UPSHUR.

The most interesting developments yesterday in the matter of the Corporation Commission and Major Lanier were the vigorous, almost startling, reply of Major Lanier to the statement of Judge Beverly T. Crump, chairman of the Corporation Commission, and the promise of Mr. John A. Upshur, clerk of the commission to answer the statements of Major Lanier at the "proper time and place."

The manly declaration of Judge Crump in Sunday's Times-Dispatch created not only the liveliest interest, but a most favorable impression. The response of Major Lanier stirred up almost a sensation. Serious allegations are made and apparently private conversations with Judge Crump relating to Mr. Upshur's efficiency as an officer of the commission are reported.

As the Lanier paper so directly and pointedly refers to Judge Crump and his relations with Major Lanier and with the Virginia Corporation Company, and to Mr. Upshur, both were asked last night for statements.

Judge Crump replied that he had nothing to say to his statement published in The Times-Dispatch on Sunday, May 28. Mr. Upshur replied:

"I have read the statement signed A. S. Lanier. That is all I have to say at this time. Will talk at the proper time and place."

Stuart and Fairfax, of the commission, declined absolutely to discuss the matter.

Lanier's Statement.

Major Lanier's reply to Judge Crump is given here:

To the Public:

The publication by Judge Crump, chairman of the State Corporation Commission, in Sunday's issue of The Times-Dispatch concerning the call for my resignation as first assistant clerk to the commission, devolves upon me the unpleasant necessity of making a counter-statement and presenting the facts as they are in this needless and

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### FORMER OWNER IS CHARGED WITH CRIME

James W. Cocke Arrested for Robbery of Brown's Safe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., May 29.—James W. Cocke was arrested to-night on the charge of robbing the safe in W. E. Brown's drug store, which was partially burned Sunday morning, May 28, the safe remaining apparently intact. When the safe was opened, the bottom of the metal cash drawer was found broken and \$120 missing, indicating that the robbery was committed by some one familiar with the combination. The mystery appeared inexplicable.

Cocke, who is a young married man, very well known here, is the former proprietor of the store, which he conducted for several years, selling out to Brown on March 1st.

He was arrested at his home by Police Officer Collier on a warrant sworn out by Chief of Police R. F. Ragland, and will be arraigned in the Mayor's Court to-morrow morning.

The case is now in the hands of Commonwealth Attorney R. H. Mann. Captain Ragland was at work on the case for more than a week and believes that he has strong evidence.

### COL. ANDERSON FACES FULTON

Pleads His Own Cause and Tells the People He is Guiltless.

#### COL. JAMES ALSO SPEAKS.

Colonel George Wayne Anderson spoke in Fulton last night to a fair-sized audience at Nelson's Hall, which he had provided, and to which he had invited all his competitors for the office of Commonwealth's attorney.

Only one appeared, he being Colonel B. O. James. The speech of Colonel Anderson was a clear-cut and frank discussion of the entire strike strike, and while there was practically no applause, there was a most respectful and attentive hearing, and no interruptions.

After reviewing his record in the Legislature of Virginia, Colonel Anderson took up the strike question, and dealt with it in a most frank and fearless manner. He declared if he had been the criminal that some people said he was, he should have been either indicted before the Hustings court, or ordered before a court-martial by the Governor of the State.

The Letter in Full.

"You must either hold me guiltless," he said, "or contend that those faithful and fearless officers of the law whom you all know, have been delinquent in their duty."

Here Colonel Anderson read the following letter from Judge Witt, countersigned by Commonwealth's attorney Richardson, completely exonerating him from any complicity in the matter:

"Replying to your letter of this morning, whether or not any fact made known to me by any witness during the trial known as the Fulton riot cases, justified the belief that you had been guilty of any crime, or of any complicity in crime in that affair, I answer, most emphatically, 'no.'"

"I write this letter in simple justice to yourself and do not desire to be considered as in any way taking sides in the canvass now going on for the office of Commonwealth's attorney."

"Very truly yours, &c., S. B. WITT."

"Judge of the Hustings Court."

"I concur in the above."

"D. C. Richardson."

"Commonwealth's Attorney."

When Colonel Anderson had concluded his remarks he announced that Colonel James was present, and the latter briefly stated his claims for the office.

Col James Speaks.

Colonel James thanked Colonel Anderson, and said he expected to go wherever he was invited, provided it furnished an opportunity to meet the people.

Both Colonel Anderson and Colonel James seemed to have made a good impression upon the people.

Deny Mrs. Shaw's Engagement.

The family of Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, whose reported engagement to Lord Rojestvensky was published in The Times-Dispatch of Sunday, make emphatic denial of the rumor.

### 21 WANTED TO-DAY.

The 21 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

6 Trades. 8 Miscellaneous. 1 Office. 4 Domestic. 2 Salesmen.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

### PRESIDENT MAKES MOVE TO END WAR

Holds Long Conference With Japanese Minister At White House.

#### OTHER AMBASSADORS ALSO INTERESTED

Sir Mortimer Durand Will See President To-Day and Cassini and Sternburg Are in Close Touch With White House Situation.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 29.—Quick to realize the far-reaching effect of Admiral Rojestvensky's disastrous defeat in the Korean Straits, and in keeping with his promise, announced a long time ago, to do all in his power to bring the belligerents in the Far East to direct negotiations at the proper time, President Roosevelt to-night received by special appointment Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, and a conference followed for the greater part of the evening. Mr. Takahira called at the White House shortly after 9 o'clock this evening, and was immediately received by Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, said to-night that he expected to see the President before the week is over, and Baron Sternburg, the German ambassador, who was early at the Russian embassy to-day, where he remained for some time in conference with the ambassador, is constantly in touch with the White House.

On returning to the legation from the White House, Minister Takahira declined to discuss in any particular his conference with the President. Regarding the possible effect of the outcome of the battle on peace negotiations, the minister said:

"After this sweeping victory, Russia alone can be held responsible for a prolongation of the war. Regarding the Russian embassy to-night, Count Cassini said:

"Talk of peace is premature. If the victory be as stupendous as the Japanese would have the world believe, the neutral powers can scarcely wish for Japan to be allowed to remain without a taste of defeat. Much as I should welcome an end of the war for some reasons, my belief is that the effect of Rojestvensky's defeat will be the indefinite prolongation of the war. Russia must fight on perhaps for years, but until the tables are turned."

What Military Men Think.

The sentiment in military circles in this city is virtually unanimous that the victory of the Japanese navy yesterday means the end of the war. It was pointed out to-day by a military officer at the Department of War that there was nothing for Russia to do but to make the best terms possible. He said he was aware that there were many people who said it was not like a Russian to yield until he had been worse whipped than he is now, but he pointed out the Czar was not nearly so badly whipped by the English and French and Turks and Sardinians at the close of the Crimean war. Japan has fought them to a standstill, at least, on land, and she has entirely destroyed the sea power of the Muscovite empire.

"It may be said that Russia is building another navy, with which she will be able to renew the fight at sea," he said, "but it takes a lot of time to build a navy. The Japanese would not be idle while the navy was building. Her army would be reinforced to the limit of the power of empire, for it would not be necessary to keep an army at home. Her navy would also be free to come even to Europe, and there is no saying that it would not do so. I believe it would be impossible for Russia to get into Manchuria, and maintain in the field there an army equal to the task of overcoming the army Japan

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### DURHAM BOWS AND MAYOR CONTROLS

Leader of Republican Organization in Philadelphia Surrenders Unconditionally

#### ACTION CAUSES SENSATION.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—The Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, leader of the Republican organization in Philadelphia for the last ten years, and whose influence reached far into the interior of Pennsylvania, late this afternoon unconditionally surrendered to Mayor John Weaver, who opened the war on the organization last Tuesday.

The action of Leader Durham was a great surprise to the people of the city, as all his lieutenants and the rank and file of the organization had been given to understand that the fight begun by Mayor Weaver over the gas lease would be fought to a finish.

Leader Durham to-day sent for the ward leaders, nearly all of whom responded, and pledged their fealty to the organization, and it looked as though the fight would be a long one. Shortly after this meeting, however, William S. Vare, recorder of deeds, a close political friend of Durham, called upon the Mayor and assured him that he and his brother, State Senator George A. Vare, would stand by him. The Vare brothers hold large city contracts, among them being the street cleaning contract for this year.

This move caused a sensation in political circles, and rumors became current that the organization was crumbling. Mr. Durham sent for some of the ward leaders, and after a conference, he released them from their pledges to stand by him, and made the following announcement:

"I have advised my friends not to oppose the confirmation of A. Lincoln Acker as director of public works and Colonel Sheldon Potter as director of public safety, if their names are sent to select council by the Mayor."

The Mayor is now practically in control of municipal affairs.

Tried to Kill Entire Family.

(By Associated Press.) CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 29.—A man named Neighbors to-night killed his two sisters, wounded his mother and brother-in-law and another woman. He is under arrest.

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### FRANCHISE TAX LAW VALID, SAYS COURT

Justice Brewer Delivers Opinion Affecting Vast Interests in New York.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—The validity of the special franchise tax law of 1899 of the State of New York was sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States in a decision handed down to-day. The decision affects immense interests, and it is stated that over \$24,000,000 of unpaid taxes in Greater New York are payable by the decision handed down to-day. Justice Brewer delivered the opinion of the court. The cases have attracted much attention from the time of their inception, not only because new principles of taxation were involved in their settlement, but because of the large interests involved. They constituted a direct attack upon the special franchise tax law of the State of New York of 1899, when President Roosevelt was Governor. The law subjects to a system of general and valorem taxation the special and local franchises of the public utilities, such as street cars, electric lights, gas and telephone plants, occupying the public streets.

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### POINTER ON THE WEATHER

At 1 A. M.

FORECAST—For Tuesday and Wednesday—Varying winds, showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Cooler on the coast Wednesday night. Variable winds, showers and thunderstorms Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Light, variable winds, mostly south.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather yesterday was hot and showery. Range of the thermometer: 9 A. M. 76 3 P. M. 88 12 M. 87 8 P. M. 85

Average 81 6-8

Highest temperature yesterday 90 Lowest temperature yesterday 72 Mean temperature yesterday 78 Normal temperature for May 77

Departure from normal temperature 11

MINIATURE ALMANAC, May 30, 1905.

Sun rises 4:53 HIGH TIDE. 1:38

Moon rises 2:57 Evening 6:29

### ATLANTIC WINS BIG OCEAN RACE

American Yacht First to Cross; Great Excitement at Lizard.

#### BARR HAS KEPT HIS WORD.

(By Associated Press.) THE LIZARD, ENGLAND, May 30.—4:40 A. M.—None of the competitors of the American yacht Atlantic has yet been sighted.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York Herald.)

(Copyright, by the New York Herald Co.) THE LIZARD, May 29.—The American schooner yacht Atlantic is the winner of the ocean race and the Kaiser's cup, having crossed the finish line at 9:18 to-night. As the Atlantic passed the line south of the Lizard Lighthouse, a gun was fired from the German cruiser Pfel, the stakeboat, which arrived early in the evening, while rockets were sent up from Lloyd's signal station and fog horns were blown at the lighthouse.

The Atlantic proceeded for Cowes, Isle of Wight, intent on beating the record. After passing Selly, the Atlantic was becalmed and had twelve hours to drift. At the Lizard she met a tremendous sea swell, and for some time drifted backwards and forwards.

Day of Excitement.

The day was one of great excitement about this part of the Cornish coast, when the Atlantic was announced as having passed the Selly Islands.

The New York Herald's tug and the yacht Alexandria lay near the stakeboat. On the horizon far away we could just discern the top of an enormous cloud of canvas. It was the Atlantic. She came on, boomed out with square-sail on her starboard side, every scrap of sail set, and drifted over the face of the sun, and the wind freshened up a bit.

By 7 o'clock the wind had almost died away on the cliffs. With all her sails set, but with not enough wind to keep them from flapping, Wilton Marchall's beautiful auxiliary schooner, the Atlantic, crossed the outside line between the Lizard and the German dispatch vessel, Pfel, just as night settled down on the English coast.

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Togo Continues Pursuit; Russian Ships Haul Down Flags.

COMPLETE WRECK OF FLEET NOW CERTAIN

Nineteen Warships Gone, and Nebogatoff and 3,000 Men Captured.

ROJESTVENSKY MAY ALSO HAVE PERISHED.

Japanese Losses Said to Have Been Insignificant—Scattered Remnants of Fleet Trying to Reach Vladivostok—Story of Great Battle Told in Official Dispatches.

Latest advices confirm the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian fleet and point to the fact that Russia's hopes, so far as this war is concerned, now lie in whatever may be accomplished by the oft-beaten army in Manchuria.

An official report received from Tokio by the Japanese legation at Washington Monday evening says that the Russian losses definitely known, include two battleships, a coast defence ship, five cruisers, two special ships and three destroyers sunk, and two battleships, two coast defence ships, one destroyer and one special service ship captured, while over three thousand prisoners have been taken, including Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff. The Japanese, it would seem, are still pursuing the Russians and it may be some time before the final result is known.

There is nothing to indicate clearly the extent of the Japanese losses and it is suggested from one source that the Russian government is waiting to hear from Admiral Rojestvensky, by way of Vladivostok before announcing to what extent its fleet has suffered.

The news of the disaster has caused deep depression in official Russia, though it is not yet known generally among the Russian people.

Rojestvensky's defeat has given rise to renewed talk of peace. It is pointed out by the Associated Press's St. Petersburg correspondent that Russia in this crisis will turn to France through its foreign minister, M. Delcasse, while from Washington comes information that President Roosevelt, in accordance with his promise announced a long time ago, is taking steps to do all in his power to bring about peace negotiations.

Nothing has been heard from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky. In Tokio, there is some belief that he has perished, while another source says he was rescued by a torpedo boat, but that he is wounded.

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